

Meeting Report
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Technical Committee 188 – Working Groups 3-21-20 – Man Overboard, Windows & Cockpits

ISO/DIS 15085, Man overboard prevention and recovery

1. Seating is now included in the scope.
2. Inflatable boats are no longer excluded from the standard.
3. Increased the areas of the working deck to include areas of reach: sailing gear, mast foot, liferafts, LPG cylinders, nav lights, reboarding gear. The WG is still struggling with the definition of a working deck. I offered that the 5 mph delineation used in ABYC is an excellent way to define occupancy of working decks.
4. Added standard requirements for steps spacing, similar to ABYC standards.
5. Added hooking points requirements for boats over 8.5 meters.
6. A reboarding ladder must be readily deployable by a person in the water. The WG also extended the depth of the ladder below the waterline from one to two rungs. This finally matches the ABYC requirements.
7. Next action: Continue reviewing the standard with a meeting at METS to resolve the remaining comments and submit a DIS.

ISO/WD 11812, Watertight cockpits and quick-draining cockpits

1. The WG will research lowering the cockpit drainage time from 5 minutes to 3 minutes to increase stability and safety.
2. Added additional requirements for use of semi-fixed sills. Mobile parts of semi fixed sills are not required where there are doors that can be closed in 5 sec in protected areas. This follows MCA rules.
3. The WG is discussing adopting some testing requirements that could be challenging for a builder to conduct. This will have to be monitored closely.
4. Next Action: Continue with review of the standard at METS.

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